

PATENT
Serial No: 10/816,943
Docket No: 10517-227

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8-15 are pending. By this amendment, claim 2-7 are canceled, and claims 1, 8-13 and 15 are amended.

The Office Action indicates that claims 7-15 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claims 8-13 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that all claims are allowable, and the 102 and 103 rejections of claims 1-6 should be withdrawn.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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